

#### NAVAL NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAM

BROAD RESPONSIBILITIES

### PROGRAM RECORD

 Research, Development, Design

 Acquisition, Specification Construction, Testing

Operation, Training,
 Maintenance

Overhaul, Refueling, Disposal

 Reactor Safety, Radiological Controls, Environmental Safety, Occupational Health

 Security, Nuclear Safeguards, Transportation

 Administration (Public Information)



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136,000,000 miles safely steamed

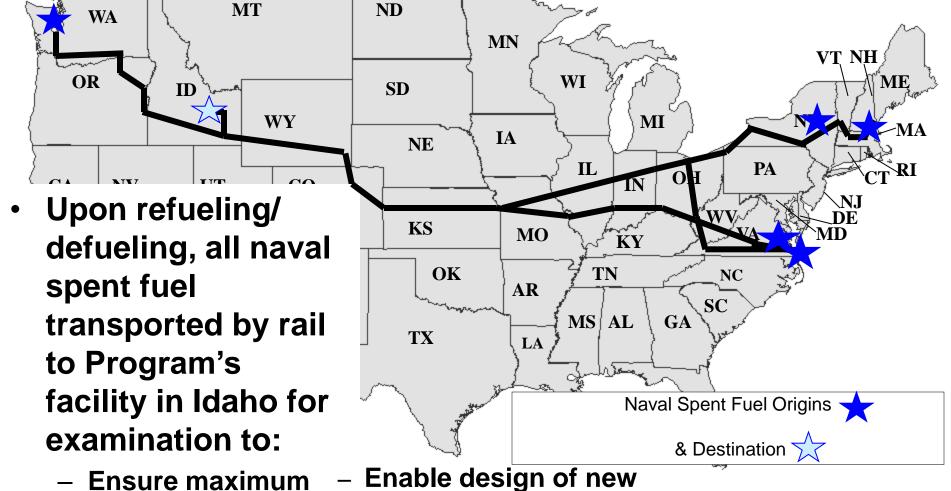
103 operating naval reactors

Welcomed in over 150 ports worldwide and 50 countries



### TYPICAL NAVAL SPENT FUEL SHIPPING ROUTES

### 776 CONTAINERS SAFELY SHIPPED (March 1957 to Present)



fuel with longer lifetimes.

Ensure maximum performance of current fuel.

### NAVAL SPENT FUEL SHIPMENTS ARE SAFE

- Rugged
  - Nature of the fuel \* Shipping containers - Robust
    - \* Shipping practices
      - Escorts

- Solid metallic form
  - not flamm., not explos.
- Built for combat shock
- Contains fully all long-lived radioactivity (fission products)
- Safe to operate in close proximity to sailors on warships during combat



#### NAVAL SPENT FUEL SHIPPING CONTAINERS

#### RADIATION LEVELS

#### **DOT limits (exclusive use)**

- 200 mr/hr on contact
- 10 mr/hr at 6 feet

#### Typical M-140 levels

- 3.0 mr/hr on contact
- 0.1 mr/hr at 6 feet

#### **Everyday life exposures** \*

- 300 mr/year Soil, rocks, cosmic rays, radon
- 54 mr/yearMedical/x-rays



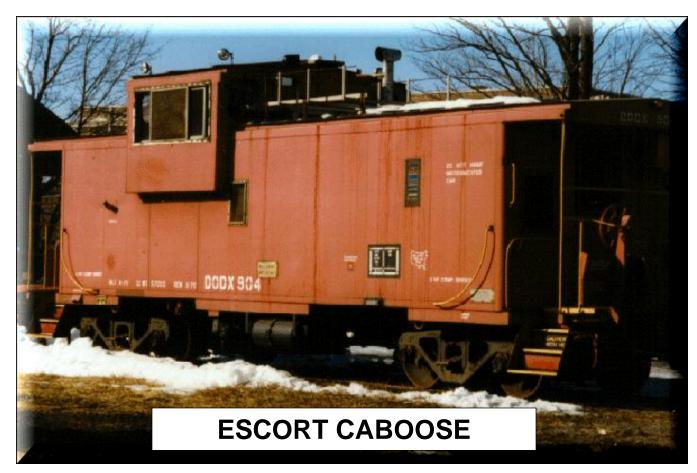
M-140 Transportation Cask

- 14 INCHES SOLID STAINLESS STEEL
- 350,000 POUNDS
- TYPE B NRC/DOE CERTIFIED

<sup>\* [</sup>NCRP Reports No. 94 & 100]

### NAVAL SPENT FUEL SHIPPING PRACTICES

- Railcars inspected and maintained
- Location and status constantly monitored via satellite tracking
- Advance arrangements with railroad operations and police

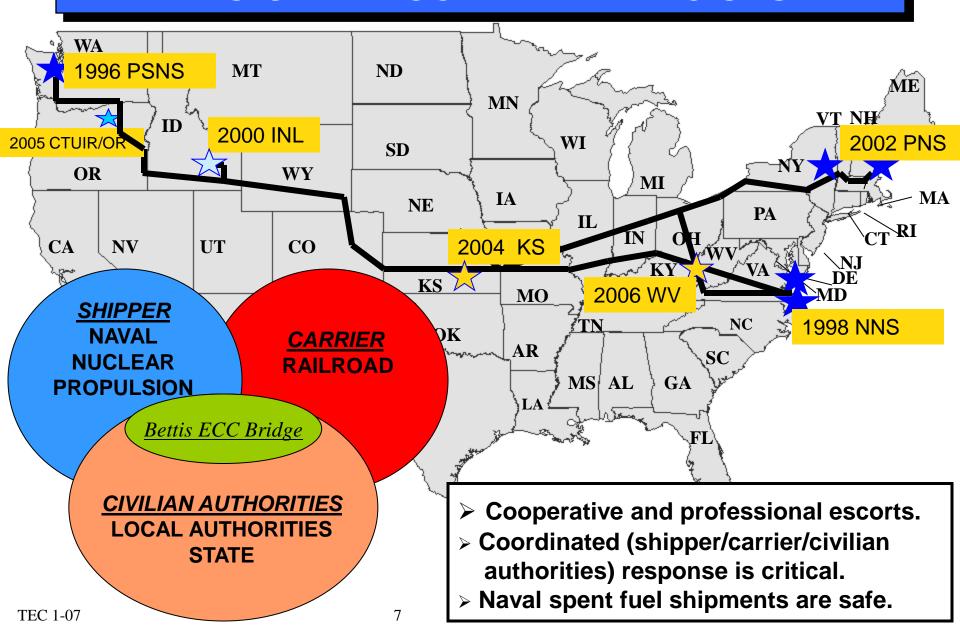


- Escorted by specially-trained Navy couriers
  - 24/7 surveillance
  - Immediate response

#### **ACCIDENT/DERAILMENT RESPONSE**

- Robust shipping containers provide a formidable barrier to release of radioactive material or significant radiation level increase, therefore EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRIORITIES ARE:
  - \* Emergency first-aid
  - \* Summon assistance
  - \* Prevent further injury/damage
  - Verify radiological condition
- Navy couriers assist Incident Commander in:
  - Crowd control
  - Communications and public information
  - Initial response actions, e.g., safety boundaries.
- If the Navy couriers are severely injured, cordon the area, follow above priorities, and call Bettis at (412) 476-5000 (shipping papers and railcar signs) and report a "transportation railroad emergency"

# NAVAL SPENT FUEL SHIPMENT REGIONAL ACCIDENT EXERCISES



# NAVAL SPENT FUEL SHIPMENT EXERCISE OBJECTIVES

- Familiarize stakeholders with the Naval spent fuel shipping container characteristics and shipping practices
- Gain understanding of how the NNPP escorts who accompany the spent fuel shipments will interact with civilian emergency services representatives
- Allow civilian emergency services agencies the opportunity to evaluate their response to a simulated accident
- Gain understanding of how the communications links that would be activated in an accident involving a Naval spent fuel shipment would work

# NAVAL NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAM STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT EXERCISE

























# KENOVA, WEST VIRGINIA ACCIDENT EXERCISE TIMELINE

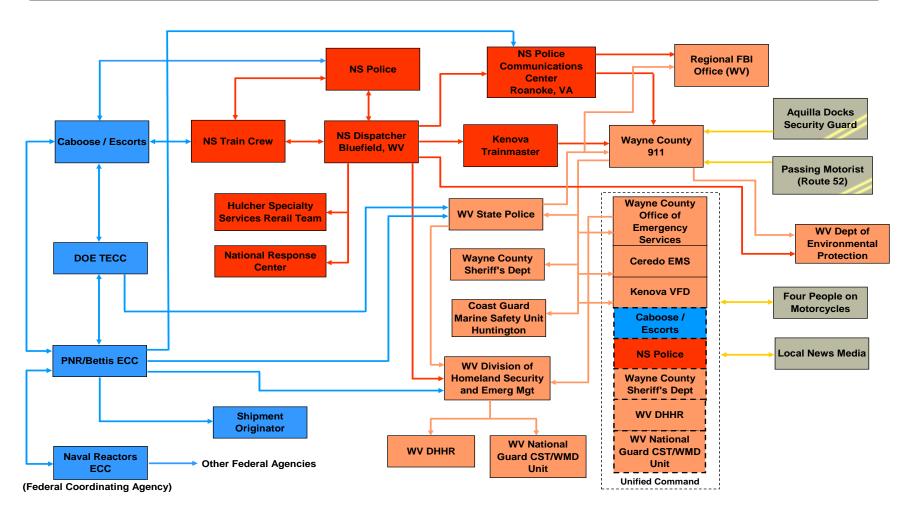
- Conceptual/Organizational Meeting April 6
  - Emergency Response Triad commitment to proceed
- Detailed Planning Meeting May 11
  - Scenario / Participating organizations
- Table Top Meeting July 12
  - Refine scenario / Role play
- Comm link verification August 2
  - Got all the right numbers?
- Walk Through/Dry Run Meeting September 21
  - Participants only dress rehearsal
- Exercise day October 12
  - Observers from throughout region

# NAVAL SPENT FUEL SHIPMENT ACCIDENT / EMERGENCY PUBLIC AFFIARS

- Provide accurate information and proper perspective
- Mitigate rumors, minimize chance of panic
- Bettis Lab ECC manning includes Public Information Officers (PIOs)
  - Coordinate formal statements w/ State, railroad and NNPP HQ
    - Word-for-word agreement not required
  - Consistent message(s)
- Quick early statement bare bones perspective
- Follow-on statement(s) provide more details

Coordinate with on-scene PIOs

### **COMMUNICATION LINKS**



NS = Norfolk Southern

DOE TECC = DOE Transportation Emergency Control Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico

PNR = Pittsburgh Naval Reactors Office at the Bettis Laboratory in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Bettis ECC = Bettis Emergency Control Center

WV DHHR = West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

WV National Guard CST/WMD Unit = West Virginia National Guard 35th Civil Support Team / Weapons of Mass Destruction Unit

# NEXT NAVAL SPENT FUEL SHIPMENT REGIONAL ACCIDENT EXERCISE

